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1. EMBASSY MAY DRAW UPON FOLLOWING IN MAKING RESPONSE TO
MINISTER OF LABOR REQUEST FOR INFO ON US POSITION ON CASE
CONCERNING TRADE UNION RIGHTS IN URUGUAY DURING NOVEMBER
ILO GOVERNING BODY.

2. FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE WILL ISSUE NEW REPORT
AT NOVEMBER GOVERNING BODY MEETING CATALOGING GOU RESPONSE
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OR LACK THEREOF TO THE FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE'S

EFFORTS TO SECURE GOU COMPLIANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
MENTIONED PARA 4 REFTEL.

3. US WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DETERMINE FORMAL POSITION ON
URUGUAY CASE UNTIL NOVEMBER GOVERNING BODY ITSELF, WHEN
REPORT OF FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE IS MADE AVAILABLE
FOR EXAMINATION. US HOPES, HOWEVER, THAT URUGUAY CAN BE
FORTHCOMING IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER RECOMMENDATIONS OF
GOVERNING BODY COMMITTEE ON FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION, I.E.
THAT GOU WILL BE ABLE TO POINT TO ACTIONS/DEVELOPMENTS
WITHIN URUGUAY INITIATED IN RESPONSE TO FOA RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. AS A RESULT OF NEW COMPLAINTS AGAINST URUGUAY FILED
DURING JUNE ILO CONFERENCE, GOVERNING BODY WILL BE ASKED
TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ESTABLISH COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO
INVESTIGATE SITUATION. US POSITION WILL DEPEND ON MANY
FACTORS, INCLUDING EXPLANATION OF GOU INTENTIONS, EVIDENCE
OF PROGRESS ON ILO RECOMMENDATIONS, AND POSSIBILITY THAT
IT MAY BE TOO SOON FOR A NEW INVESTIGATION AND THAT GOU
SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE TIME TO RESPOND TO EARLIER RECOM-
MENDATIONS.

5. US ACKNOWLEDGES SELECTIVE CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
ISSUE IS AT WORK IN CURRENT GENERAL SITUATION, AND IS
SEEKING REFORM IN ILO. FYI: THIS DOES NOT IMPLY THAT US
FEELS URUGUAY AND CHILE, FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD NOT BE
CRITICIZED FOR VIOLATIONS OF ILO CONVENTIONS, BUT RATHER
THAT ALL VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE CRITICIZED, INCLUDING THOSE
IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. END FYI.

6. EMBASSY LABATT IS BEING SENT SEPARATELY CHRONOLOGY
OF URUGUAY CASE IN ILO PREPARED BY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.
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